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SUBJ: SAMACHAR ALLEGES US DIFFERENCES OVER ARMS SALES TO  
PAKISTAN

1. THE NEW DELHI PRESS ON AUGUST 13 CARRIED A SAMACHAR (INDIAN NEWS SERVICE) REPORT THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN THE US ADMINISTRATION OVER THE SALE OF A-7 FIGHTER-BOMBERS TO PAKISTAN WHICH HAS ASKED FOR 100 SUCH PLANES AT A COST OF \$500 MILLION. THE STORY CONTENDS SECRETARY KISSINGER IS INCLINED TO CONSIDER PAKISTAN'S CASE IF PAKISTAN AGREES TO GIVE UP ITS NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. THE US ADMINISTRATION, THE STORY CONTINUES, IS ALSO FACED WITH A PLEA FROM THE MANUFACTURERS THAT THE LINE MUST SHUT DOWN IF NO NEW A-7 ORDERS ARE FORTHCOMING. SAMACHAR REPORTS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE OPINION THAT SALE OF THESE PLANES WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE US POLICY OF SELLING ONLY DEFENSIVE ARMS TO THE AREA. US OFFICIALS ARE REPORTEDLY DEBATING WHETHER IT IS BETTER TO SET OFF AN ARMS RACE, OR ACCEPT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

2. THE SAMACHAR STORY IS UNUSUALLY SOPHISTICATED AND DETAILED. WE ARE CURIOUS TO KNOW IF IT WAS LIFTED FROM NEW YORK TIMES OR WASHINGTON POST COVERAGE.

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